

1. (Amended) A gaming machine comprising:

a variable display section for variably displaying a plurality of kinds of symbols necessary for gaming;

a starting device for starting variable display of the symbols; and

a stopping device, disposed so as to be operable by a player, for stopping said symbols being variably displayed;

wherein, on condition that a combination of symbols displayed when said symbols are stopped constitutes a predetermined special winning mode, said player is allowed to start playing a special game which is more advantageous to said player than is a normal game;

wherein said gaming machine further comprises an image display section for displaying special game information in said special game to said player, and

wherein the special game information is displayed by figures representing objects and written information and is presented as a progressing story.

14. (Amended) A gaming machine comprising:

a variable display section for variably displaying a plurality of kinds of symbols necessary for gaming;

a starting device for starting variable display of said symbols; and

a stopping device, disposed so as to be operable by a player, for stopping said symbols being variably displayed;

wherein, on condition that a combination of symbols displayed when said symbols are stopped constitutes a predetermined special winning mode, said player is allowed to start playing a special game which is more advantageous to said player than is a normal game,

D² wherein said gaming machine further comprises an image display section for displaying game information to said player;

amcl wherein said game information displayed in said image display section is game information concerning a history of provision of value information provided as a profit for the player; and

wherein the special game information which is information related to said special game is displayed by figures representing objects and written information and is presented as a progressing story.

16. (Amended) A gaming machine comprising:

a variable display section for variably displaying a plurality of kinds of symbols necessary for gaming;

D³ a starting device for starting variable display of said symbols; and

a stopping device, disposed so as to be operable by a player, for stopping said symbols being variably displayed;

wherein, on condition that a combination of symbols displayed when the symbols are stopped constitutes a predetermined special winning mode, said player is allowed to start playing a special

gam which is more advantageous to said player than is a normal game,

wherein said gaming machine further comprises an image display section for displaying game information to said player;

wherein said game information displayed in said image display section is game information concerning a winning history, and

wherein the special game information which is information related to said special game is displayed by figures representing objects and written information and is presented as a progressing story.

18. (Amended) A gaming machine comprising:

a variable display section for variably displaying a plurality of kinds of symbols necessary for gaming;

a starting device for starting variable display of said symbols; and

a stopping device, disposed so as to be operable by a player, for stopping said symbols being variably displayed;

wherein, on condition that a combination of symbols displayed when said symbols are stopped constitutes a predetermined special winning mode, said player is allowed to start playing a special game which is more advantageous to said player than is a normal game,

wherein said gaming machine further comprises an image display section for displaying game information to said player;

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wherein said game information displayed in said image display section is an explanation of an operation of a game, and

wherein the special game information which is information related to said special game is displayed by figures representing objects and written information and is presented as a progressing story.

20. (Amended) A gaming machine comprising:

a variable display section for variably displaying a plurality of kinds of symbols necessary for gaming;

a starting device for starting variable display of said symbols; and

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a stopping device, disposed so as to be operable by a player, for stopping said symbols being variably displayed;

wherein, on condition that a combination of symbols displayed when said symbols are stopped constitutes a predetermined special winning mode, said player is allowed to start playing a special game which is more advantageous to said player than is a normal game,

wherein said gaming machine further comprises an image display section for displaying game information to said player;

said game information displayed in said image display section is an indication of an error of said gaming machine, and

wherein the special game information which is information related to said special game is displayed by figures representing

objects and written information and is presented as a progressing story.

22. (Amended) A gaming machine comprising:

variable display means for variably displaying a plurality of kinds of symbols necessary for gaming;

starting means for starting variable display of the symbols;
and

stopping means, disposed so as to be operable by a player, for stopping said symbols being variably displayed;

wherein, on condition that a combination of symbols displayed when said symbols are stopped constitutes a predetermined special winning mode, said player is allowed to start playing a special game which is more advantageous to said player than is a normal game;

wherein said gaming machine further comprises an image display section for displaying special game information in said special game to said player, and

wherein the special game information is displayed by figures representing objects and written information and is presented as a progressing story.

23. (Twice Amended) A gaming machine according to claim 14, wherein said special game information displayed in said image display section is special game information concerning a state of progress of said special game.

24. (Twice Amended) A gaming machine according to claim 16, wherein said special game information displayed in said image display section is special game information concerning a state of progress of said special game.

25. (Twice Amended) A gaming machine according to claim 18, wherein said special game information displayed in said image display section is special game information concerning a state of progress of said special game.

26. (Twice Amended) A gaming machine according to claim 20, wherein said special game information displayed in said image display section is special game information concerning a state of progress of said special game.

29. (Amended) A gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein the figures representing objects represent animate objects.

31. (Amended) A gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein the special game information is presented as a progressing adventure story.

REMARKS

In the suggested claim amendments, Applicant has noted that the Examiner suggested that the content of claims 28 and 30 be